

Jordan-PLO talks resume SOON

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R). - A Palestinian delegation will visit Amman soon to resume the dialogue with Jordanian leaders, it was announced here today. Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum, Chairman of the Palestinian National Khaled Al Fahoum, Chairman of the Falestinian National Council (PNC) -- the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile --said no fixed date for the visit had been set. This depends on the convening of the Palestine Liberation Organisation Executive Committee, expected shortly, he added. The committee will form the delegation and set a date for the resumption of the talks, Mr. Al Fahoum said.

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Yadin: Eastern Jews must be assimilated for M.E. peace

TORONTO, April 9 (AFP). — Peace in the Middle East will be impossible until Israel assimilates its own eastern Jews, Yigal Yadin, head of the New Democratic Front for a Democratic Change (NDFDC), said in a Canadian radio broadcast bere last night. "Half our population -Jews who come from Arab countries -- are not yet integrated into the Israell society." Mr. Yadin said. He was interviewed in Israel by telephone. Lasting peace would come only when the Arabs have recognised the state of Israel, he said.

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King Hussein to visit Britain on way to U.S.

AMMAN, (R). — His Majesty King Hussein will fly to the U.S. shortly and pay a visit to Britain on April 18 for a spe-tial ceremony to mark the silver jubilees of his own and

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Queen Elizabeth's reigns. Jordan Radio said Saturday he would go to the U.S. to dis-tuss President Jimmy Carter's reace proposals. The exact dae of his visit was not annsmced.

A royal palace announceme-nt said the King would take part in a special ceremony at Windsor Castle, West of Lonion, to mark the two royal julees.

HAPPY EASTER

The Jordan Times will not appear next Tuesday to give its staff a break over Easter. Wa will resume publication on Wednesday -and in the meantime we wish all our readers a happy Easter.

a series of Middla Eastern leaders to meet President Carter this year. Israeli Prime Minis-ter Yitzhak Rabin was the first and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt returned home Saturday after his Washington

talks. Saudi Crown Prince Fahd is expected to go there some time after mid-May, according to diplomatic sources, and Syrian President Hafez Assad will meet Mr. Carter in Europe in about a month's time.

Jordan Radio qunted Sherif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Chief of the Royal Court, as saying this country was already in touch with the U.S. concerning Mr. Carter's peace proposals.

Commenting on the preside nt's acceptance of the idea of a Palestinian homeland, Sherif Sharaf said the issue was "not a homeland for Palestinians, but the Palestinian homeland." But contacts with the U.S. had made it clear that in Was-hington's view such a ho-meland should be on former Palestinian territory, he added.



Prime Minister Mudar Badran receives Hebron's Mayor Fahd Al Qawasmi and a municipal council members at the premier's office Saturday. (JNA photo).

Hebron delegation meets Badran on first leg of fund-raising tour

AMMAN (Agencies). - The first official delegation from the occupied West Bank town of Hebron to tour Arab countries will start its trip next we-ek, Mr. Fahd Al Qawasmi, the Mayor of Hebron, said here Saturday, The mayor, who conferred

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with Prime Minister Mudar Ba-dran, said he would leave for Saudi Arabia next week, and Mr. Badran and the mayor discussed living conditions in the town.

go on to Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait. He said that he would dis-

cuss with Arab leaders the situ-ation in Hebron, scene of serious clashes between Palestinians and Israeli settlers last year, and seek funds to finance municipal projects.

Mr. Al Qawasmi asked Mr. Badran to convey to His Majesty King Hussein Hebron's gratitude for Jordan's ooble stand in support of citizens in the West Bank.

Hebron is one of five towns in the district south of Jeru-salem which have refused to accept development loans from the Israeli military authorities.

Carter for Palestinian __presence_at_Geneva

CAIRO, April 9 (AFP). --- Egyp-tian President Anwar Sadat was not empty-handed when be

Allon, Eban package deal TEL AVIV, April 9 (R). - Fo-reign Minister Yigal Allon said Mr. Eban and Mr. Allon, considered far more flexible. In an apparent bid to mode-rate bis hawkish image, Mr. Peres told Radio Israel today tonight he had decided not to verning Labour Party in order to avoid any bruising person-ality clashes inside the party that he expected the momentum towards a Middle East peace settlement to continue following the shock decision by Mr. Rabin to resign. Mr. Peres said "We expect

Meanwhile, there have been

strong demands for Mr. Rabin

to reconsider his decision, and

hundreds of people have sig-ned petitions circulated in the

streets asking him to continue

in office.

Allon drops out of

race for Labour

Party nomination

Voters may be offered Peres,

before general elections in May. Mr. Allon made his decision known to Israel Radio after meeting Defence Minister Shithe Geneva conference (on the mon Peres. Middle East) to reconvene in the second half of 1977 and I Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-bin said earlier this week that do not think there will be any changes in the trends of our foreign policy, despite all this talk about bawks and doves."

he wanted to step down as pa-rty leader because of disclosu-res of illegal bank accounts he and his wife maintained in Washington.

Mr. Allon and Mr. Peres had been considered the main contenders for the party leader-ship, although commentators suggested that Mr. Peres' position was too strong for the fo-relgn minister to overcome.

After meeting Mr. Peres, the foreign minister told Israel Ra-dio: "It is now too close to the day of the general elections and it might inflict harm on our lme minister. prospects of winning the elections if wa procede now with personal rivalry and competi-tion for leadership," he said. The elections will be held on

May 17. Earlier. today, Labour Party Secretary Geoeral Meir Zarmi suggested that a triumvirate of Mr. Peres, Mr. Allon and former Foreign Minister Abba

tainly appear in their election list and be assured of a place in the Knesset.

The Labour Party's Central Committee will decide on Sunday where to place Mr. Rabin on the party's ticket of candid-ates, the radio said.

Sources close to Mr. Rabin also sald he was determined to make a political comeback after clearing up his legal difficu-Ities, which a former state attorney today described "as no more serious than a traffic offence.

The Rabins are under investigation for holding a foreign currency account in Washington, after Mr. Rabin had returned from five years as ambassador. The regulation bann-ing bank accounts abroad dates back to the Second World War and is completely outdated to-

Israel Radio reported today that Mr. Rabin had agreed to day, legal experts said. run for parliament in the May But Mr. Rabin took the only 17 election despite his announpossible step for a leader who cement that he will quit as prhas fought to build up his image as an outspoken foe of co-

Senior Labour Party offici-als said today he would cerrruption, many Israelis felt to-

Israeli chief of staff warns against Syrian

EIRUT, April 9, (Agencies). -lew fighting flared near the mali border in south Lebam's-central sector today, as ftwing and Palestinian forces unched an attack on Marjebun and Qlei'a, the two prin-

Palestinians, leftists

launch attack on

Marjeyoun, Qlei'a

for their use was not clear. Meanwhile, Lebanese Presid-ent Elias Sarkis discussed the fighting in the south with Pre-mier Selim. Al Hoss and the newly appointed Lebanese army commander, Brig. Victor Khou-

Assad visits Moscow on

u rightwing strong ioios, an formed source said here. The attacking forces, which as reached the north eastern proaches of Marjeyoun on hursday, were now trying to rust into the city itself after brief lull, the source said. The attack came as the righting forces commander in soui Lebanon, Maj. Hadad, calll in an Israeli television interiew for the liberation of Leanon from "occupation by yria and the Palestinian feda-

ig off relations with tha Lebae government Mr. Bassam Abu Sherif of le Marxist Popular Front for le Liberation of Palestine (PF-P) said, fighting on Marjeoun'a outskirts was at close uarters, with hand grenades sing used. He said Israeli artilmy from across the border has firing on positions held by re Palestinian-leftist alliance. Alliance forces are under orers to break up the "security elt" formed by Israeli-backed ightists, who created what

een", and said be was break-

mounted to a buffer zone beween Israel and Palestinian ases in south Lebanon. The PFLP spokesman said here was heavy overnight shel-

ng of Khyam, captured from ightists last Thursday, by oth rightist and Israeli guns. Another alliance town which ame under fire early today sas Nabatiyeh, 10 kms. northast of Marjeyoun, he said. Pa-astinian and leftist artillery fied back. Alliance commanders in the

hey had heard the sound of elicopters across the Israeli order at night, but the reason

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nouncement said.

IY. Informed sources said the reorganisation of the Lebanese army, which fragmented during the Lebanese civil war, and the deployment of a force to pacify south Lebanon were among topics discussed.

Rightwing politicians have appealed to Arab leaders to enforce implementation of the 1969 Cairo agreement' which, among other things, restricts the movement of Palestinian commandos in Lebanon.

According to the sources in the rightwing Phalangist Party, Phalangist leader Pierre Gema-yel was expected to visit Damascus soon for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assed.

Concern over the situation in the south was voiced today by Imam Moussa Al Sadr, head of the Higher Moslem Shite Cou-ncil, who discussed latest developments with President Sarkis.

He told a press conference that the state should establish its authority in the south "as the Israeli enemy is the only beneficiary from tha continuation of tension."

Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat today inspected his men in the Nabbatiyeh and nearby areas. He was briefed by comman-

do officers on the latest military situation in the region, informed sources said. The PLO leader, escorted by

two military vehicles, has just returned to Lebanon after a four-day visit to the Soviet Union.

Informed commando sources here said the shelling of Nab-batiyeh resumed later in the day.

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R), -

Syrian President Hafez Assad will travel to Moscow on April 18 for his first visit to the Soviet Union since 1975, it was announced here and in Moscow today.

> President Assad, who is due to meet U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Europe next month, is expected to seek reinforcement of Syrian-Soviet relations during his trip in advance of possible Middle East peace negotiations.

The announcement today follows the return of PLO leader Yasser Arafat from his Moscow visit, and the completion of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip to the United States.

Mr. Assed will have time before he goes to brief himself fully on the two leaders' talks in the superpower capitals.

The announcement here said he would take with him to Moscow a high-level delegation of government leaders and off-icials of the ruling Baath Party.

Diplomatic sources said Syria was expected to voice its concern to Soviet leaders abarms supplies to Iraq, out which is ruled by a rival wing of the Baath Party.

returned from the U.S. today, according to observers here following an unprecedented declaration by President Jimmy Carter on the need for Palestinian participation in a resumed Geneva Middle East peace conference.

> Mr. Carter's 'little phrase", uttered less than 24 hours after Mr. Sadat left Washington, could open the way to dialogue between the U.S. and the Palestine Liberation Organisatioo observers said.

Mr. Sadat, who expressed in-creased optimism after three meetings with Mr. Carter this week, had often said such a dialogue would solve many problems, and confirmed that be had discussed the "possibility" with Mr. Carter.

LAHORE, April 9 (R). - At

least 33 people were killed to-

day when demonstrations aga-

inst the government of Prime

Minister Zulfikar Ali Bbutto

flared into the worst riots in

the politically volatila Punjab

province for years, usually reli-

able sources said.

to facilitate dialogue with the U.S., reorganising its Executive Committee last month so that its members now accept a ne-

According to today's New York Times, President Sadat foresees the possibility of normal relations between his country and Israel within five years of the signing of a peace treaty in Geneva.

gotiated settlement.

President Sadat also mentioned the possibility of bringing in new interim measures to improve relations between Israel and Cairo while awaiting a solution to the conflict, the pa-per added. But U.S. officials noted he only spoke in general terms without going into details on this matter.

33 reported killed, 200 wounded in worst

clashes with Pakistan police for years

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Eban lead the party together into the election.

The secretary general suggested that Mr. Peres head the Labour list as its candidate for prime minister, but that Foreign Minister Ylgal Allon be promised the post of deputy premier and defence minister, and that Mr. Abba Eban be foreign minister in a new government if Labour wins the elections.

If the triumvirate of Mr. Peres, Mr. Allon and Mr. Eban. who was foreign minister under Mrs. Golda Meir, does emerge it could belp prevent Labour's leftwing partner, Mapam, from making a threatened break.

Mapam has refused to serve under Mr. Peres because of his hawkish views on territorial concessions to the Arabs. It Gur said. could change its mind if Mr. Peres' attitude is balanced by

Palestinian alliance

TEL AVIV, April 9 (R). — Is-rael's chief of staff said today minant for a long time to come Gen. Gur said the Syrian arthat relations between israel my now was split up and "would find it difficult to lauand Syria could be endangered if the Palestinians in Lebanon nch an offensive, or even to dereached agreement with the Syfend Damascus." "But they have the capabi-

rians. Lt.-Gen. Mordechai Gur said lity of waging a limited war for political aims," he added. in an interview with the Israeli army radio station that rene-"I do not think the Syrians wed guerrilla activity against want to take too many chan-Israel might result from such ces, but the possibility neveran agreement.

theless remains," The chief of staff said that "In that case we could not the Jordanian army was under-going a radical change and sit by idly. It could be a very dangerous point in relations between Israel and Syria," Gen. will soon be like the Israeli army in its capacity for manoeuvre and mobility."

He did not elaborate on the nature of a possible agreement between the Palestinians and army as large and strong eno-Svria. ugh to wage war "especially as However, he said Israel sho-

there is today talk of a war uld presume that Syrian influfor political objectives, and ence in Lebanon would be donot of an extended war."

Spain legalises **Communist Party**

MADRID, April 9, (R). - The government has legalised the Spanish Communist Party, outlawed since the end of the 1936-39 civil war, party Sec-retary General Santiago Carrillo said tonight.

The Europa Press news age-ncy said that both Senor Carrilla and Ramon Tamames, a top member of the party's executive committee, said they had just beeo informed by government sources of the news. There was no immediate an-

nouncement by the government. But official sources confirmed that the Communist Party had been made legal.

They said the decision was made after consultations with higb-ranking judicial authorities, including the chief prosecutor.

The Supreme Court last, Saturday gave back to the government the Communist Party's application for legal status, refusing to rule on whether the party infringed Spain's law against political groups which are subject to international discipline and want to impose a totalitarian system in Spain. Passed last summer by the holdover Franco-era Cortes (parliamant) the law was mea-

nt specifically to outlaw the Commists.

official Azap news agency re-CAIRO, April 9 (Agencies). --ported that a first detachment

King Hassan's decision conforms to the charter of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and is justified by the danger "represented by foreign interference in Zaire", the anfew days.

Observers recalled that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat recently broached the Zairese affair with U.S. President Jimmy Carter, announcing his intention to oppose communist infiltration in Africa.

Diplomatic sources also said that President Sadat contacted several African and Arab states before his trin to the United States and passed on to Presidant Carter messages from cer-Main heads of state. Moanwhile in Kinshasa. the

sypt today officially announcof 1,500 Moroccan troops arrivits support for King Hassan ed in Zaire today to help repel an invasion from Angola in the of Morocco's decision to send roops to Zaire, the Middle country's copper-rich southeast-East News Agency reported ern area. The agency also said an

Egyptian military delegation has had talks with President Mobutu Sese Seko on arrangements for sending Egyptian tro-ops to Zaire within the next

Senior Egyptian officials here however denied the reports from Kinshasa that Egypt had decided to send soldiers to help repel the invasion.

"This is not so. But on the other hand an Egyptian fact-finding mission has been sent to Zaire," the officials said. Azap made its statements as

new warning came from Angola against any "internationalisation" of the conflict in Zaire's Shaba (formerly Katanga) pro-ທ່ານດອ

Angolan President Agostinho Neto said in a message to King

Egypt backs Moroccan action in Zaire Most were killed by police buillets, the sources s.id. Hassan that "Morocco will be responsible for any aggression against the PRA (People's Republic of Angola) if verified." And Dr. Neto said in a message to President Sadat that Angola held responsible any state "which, directly or indir-

ectly, belps to transform an internal affair of Zaire into an international affair." In Rabat, a source close to

the Moroccan government said the Angolan warning to King Hassan was unlikely to deter his country's determination to help Zaire "strictly in an African context."

In New York, the CBS radio network broadcast an interview with President Sadat in which he said he hoped Egypt would do something to help Zaire. Mr. Sadat said President Mo-

butu had asked Egypt for assistance In Kinshasa, 300,000 workers

oined a march in support of President Mobutu's government, Azap reported.

They said hard-pressed police opened fire in Lahore, where 26 people died, as mobs rampaged through the city of two million people burling stones and sett-ing three banks on fire.

More than 200 peope were wounded, the sources said, and about 120 arrested.

Troops moved in from the outskirts to deploy near Governor's House, where Mr. Bbutto was staving.

The sources added that seven more demonstrators died when police in the southern Punjab town of Leiah fired on opponents of Mr. Bbutto.

The riots were the latest in a month of mass agitation organised by politicians who alleged that Mr. Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party rigged elections that swept it back to power on March 7.

The disturbances of the past gas broke up two processions of lawyers. month -- the death toll in that time is now more than 120 --

have hitherto been mainly in and near the port city of Karachildren demonstrated, and Volatile Lahore is Pakistan's second biggest city - after Ka-

rachi -- and is the capital of the Puniab, the most populous province and main army recuiting ground. People in Lahore said today's

trouble was worse than pro-Bhutto riots which brought down the autocratic regime of the late Field Marshal Mobommed Ayub Khan in 1969.

Clashes began when police tried to stop protest marches by the nine-party opposition Pakistan National Aliance (PN-A) against convening of a new Puniah province assembly.

tear gas.

were shot to death when police fired on demonstrators taking refuge under the red brick portico of the high court.

death.

Police with batons and tear

Several bundred women in bead-to-foot burgas (veils) and

re tear-gassed. The PNA said one woman lost an eye when hit by a tear gas shell.

PNA sources said some women were beaten with police batons and a dozen women were in hospital.

The PNA has called for a day of national mourning tomo-rrow for victims of what it allaged was indiscriminate police fire. It also urged further Lahore demonstrations tomorrow.

Its acting president, Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, contradicted an earlier report it put out that he had been arrested.

Some of the street battles took place barely 200 metres from the provincial assembly where 232 elected members of Mr. Bhutto's party took the oath of office.

The opposition boycotted elections to provincial assemblies after alleging that the polling for the federal parliament was

Mr. Bhutto, in Lahore for

But the party contends it is independent of the Soviet Uni-on and wants to see democracy installed here. Counting the Communists, there are now 116 parties gra-nted legal status and 26 awa-

iting government decision. Most of these are small groups to the left of the Communists.

He described the Egyptian

The democratic opposition has long called for the legali-sation of all parties.

It was not known what the government intended to do about these groups, which include Maoists, Trotskyites and also the Carlist Party, led by Prince Carlos Hugo de Borbon-Parma, the Carlist pretender to the Spanish throne held by his distant cousin, King Juan Carlos. For the Communists, the lo-

ng years of proscription virtually ended last Dec. 30 when Senor Carrillo was released from jail.

Senor Carrillo had been in Spain, working underground, from the previous February until he and six members of the party Executive Committee were arrested in December and charged with illegal association.

It is expected the charges against them now will be dropped.

Sporadic clashes lasted all

day and the air was thick with

Witnesses said five people

The main street -- called the Mail -- was strewn with rubble. Unconfirmed reports said a policeman was beaten to

rigged on March 7.

consultations today, denies the rigging and declines to hold new polls, as the opposition demands.

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Whose atrocities?

The intensification of the fighting in southern Lebanon should not have come as much of a surprise to anyone. Indeed, it would have been a surprise if the Lebanese war had ended without this latest round of warfare. If things continue to happen now as they have happened all during the Lebanese war, we can all sit back and watch the fighting pursue its natural course. The added factor of the proximity to Israel in this latest series of battles probably means that the Arab League peace-keepers who have quieted the guns in most of the rest of the country will not be able to do their job in the south of Lebanon. Israeli anxieties are too strong for this, and the world has reluctantly learned to live with them. If they sboot Libyan civilian airliners out of the sky, what will they do on the Lebanese ground?

The dynamics of the Lebanese war are best forgotten by people who prefer to keep their minds and their morality unencumbered by the deviant edges of our imperfect world. Suffice it to recognise that a war is taking place, and that it will end when one side wins and the other loses, as most wars do. But the war in southern Lebanon is not solely the result of Lebanese enthusiasm, Palestinian bravado or inter-Arab rivalries. It is the natural result of a unnatural imbalance. That imbalance is the dispersal of the Palestinian people throughout the Arab World, The rectification of this imbalance is opposed by Israel, and the result bas been tension throughout the Arab World and occasional warfare. As long as the organic tles between Palestinians and their Palestinian soil are not restored, this imbalance will persist, as will tension and warfare, as we see in southern Lebanon this week.

There are two solutions: Either the Palestinians return to their land, or they do not. The Israeli view has been that the Palestinians do not exist, and to support this view the Israells have been shelling the Palestinians in southern Lebanon all during the fighting there. It seems strange to try to kill people that you do not admit even exist, but such is the way the Israelis operate.

The rest of the world is actively trying to see how the Palestinian-induced imbalance in the Middle East can be rectified by some kind of agreement between the Arabs and the Israelis. The Israelis for their part are trying to kill as many Palestinians in southern Lebanon as they can. It is in the Israelis' interest to keep the war in southern Lebanon raging, while in Washington and New York and London their representatives talk about human rights and fighting for democratic principles. Is the continuing Lebanese war the result of madness among the Arabs, or rather among the Israelis and their Western friends who are still too shackled by the atrocities of the past to attend to the atrocities of the present in southern Lebanon?



From: "Deutche Algemeines Sonntag Blat"

Despite rumour campaign the situation in Vientiane is normal

need for 60,000 tonnes of rice

while foreign experts put the

Meanwhile editorials in the

party newspaper Siengpasasone

have been calling several times

of security precautions" to foil

the enemy's sabotage manoeu-

An informed source said to-

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are waiting to see what initia-

tives President Carter will take

to reduce waste, which is run-

figure nearer 200,000 tonoes.

BANGKOK, April 9 (AFP). -The situation in Vientiane, the Laotian capital, is normal, an Ageoce France Press corresponcommunism " deot reported today.

The correspondent said that contrary to reports, Prime Mi-Laysone Phomyihane nister was still on the job and that no mioister had been arrested.

There bad been no shooting a week for an intensification in Vientiane or its outskirts during the past six days, he reported.

But the general security situation throughout the country and the national economy was giving cause for alarm.

This description of conditions in the Laotian People's Republic was telephoned to Bangkok newspapers quoting their cor-respondents at Nong Khai, a frontier post 27 kilometres (17 miles) downstream from the Laotian capital.

Uoder banner headlines, Bangkok dally newspapers have since the beginning of the week successively reported:

The freeing ol ex-King Savang Vatthana and bis family from detention in a concentrabon camp at Viengsay near the frontier with Vietnam. the arrest of four government ministers, a revolt backed by the Chinese communists in the northern province of Phong Saly, the arrest of the head

an

папсе

report.

of 3,000 Russians.

None of these reports was

true, according to diplomatic

circles here in close touch with

Vientiane, travellers crossing

respondents still based in the

Laotian capital and the AFP

correspondent in his telephone

by this seemingly-orchestrated

campaign of false reports which

was being kept up in spite of denials from reliable sources.

nisters and others who were reported to have "taken refu-

ge in the Chinese embassy

had several conversations this

week with Western diplomats

during official receptions, one

of which was given by the

Kaysone for his part last

Mongolian ambassador, the out-

going Uoited Nations represen-

Two possible explaoations

1. Laotian refugees or the

2. Certain persons implica-

Diplomatic observers strong-

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Hungarian ambassador.

Indonesian ambassador.

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Wednesday

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The supposedly-arrested mi-

Observers here were puzzled

the Mekong River, foreign cor-

by itself to turo people against day that nationalist guerrillas were tightening their grip ar-Laos has had a poor rice harvest. Official spokesmen have admitted ao immediate

> highways were insecure and many of them were cut periodically.

out of a population of two. million, have fled the country

ound Luang Prabang, the for-mer royal capital 350 kilo-metres (220 miles) north of Vientiane. The source said that most

More than 300,000 Laotians,

The big power scramble for Africa intensifies on three fronts The Katangan force came fro

By Gwynne Dyer

The scramble for Africa amongst the big outside powers is rapidly becoming more intense than anything seen there since the 1880s. This time, though, it has little to do with colonialism of any sort. It is a straightforward race to create soheres of strategic influence, in an atmosphere where the great powers have suddenly decided that Africa matters.

In all three corners of Africa, southern, north-east and north-west, there is now avid competition for influence by outside powers. So far the nut-siders are using mostly gifts of money and arms to establish their influence, or at the most proxies like Cuban troops. As yet there are no Russian, Chinese or American troops directly involved, but even that could come if the present pattern of bidding up the stakes persists.

In north-west Africa, Algeria and Morocco have stood on the brink of war for the past year over the latter's annexation of former Spanish Sahara. Moroc-co's tiny 'Mauritanian ally, which also took over part of the colony, has now lost con-trol of much of its northern territory to Algerian-backed guerrillas.

Behind Morocco stands the United States, France and a Saudi-led coalition of conservative Arab states; behind Algeria stands the Soviet Union and Moscow's favourite Arabs of the moment, the beavily-armed Libyans. Both sides are pumping in arms and money, and no peaceful solution seems in sight.

In north-east Africa, Ethiopia careers ever closer to distnite-

gration, and faces a possible invasion by Somalia to seize its territorial claims. With the possibility of drastic changes of borders and regimes in the countries of that strategic region, dominating the oil routes to Europe, a frenzied diplomatic scramble by outside powers has begun.

Saudi Arabia, with American backing, has begun wooing South Yemen and Somalia. hitherto both Soviet proteges. Seeing their Somali foothold slipping away, the Russians have instead turned to supporting the beleaguered and desperate Marxist regime. Ethiopia, until recently American ally. in AD.

Libya has also rallied to Ethiopia's side, and has begun running attacks on neighbour-ing Sudan from Ethiopian soil. Sudan, taking fright, has moved even closer to the Egypt-ians and the Saudis, has start-ed openly supporting the various secessionist movements in Ethiopia, and has begun buying American arms. Just south of there, Uganda continues to stock up on Soviet and Libyan arms, and nervons Kenya has begun buying American arms to expand its small

armed forces. In southern Africa, the confrontation is even more in-tense. There are 14,000 Cuban troops in Angola supporting President Neto's government against still-active guerrilla opposition, while guerrilla war has also mounted steadily against South African forces on the Namibian border. The guer-rilla war against the Rhodesian white minority government has grown steadily, while Russians and Chinese vie for influence with the two rival guerrilla

Now there has come an invasion by Katangan exiles of the richest province of pro-Western Zaire, the second-largest country in black Africa.

Standardising NATO must be arms a two-way street, argue the Germans

BRUSSELS, Belgium, (CSM). level flights which ground radar completely misses. - Standardisation of arms and The sudden visits to Washthe so-called "two-way street" ington a just recently of West in weapons procurement could

German Foreign Minister Hans become the first practical test Dietrich Genscher and Defence Minister Georg Leber could be instrumental in producing final decisions on both AWACS and of the Carter administration's intentions toward its Eurothe battle tank. The Germans, along with Britain, Canada, and In Brussels, London, Bonn, and other capitals of the 15the U.S., will be chief contri-butors to the estimated \$2.4nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, NATO officials billion costs of the AWACS.

Mr. Leber has not hid his the Pentagon backtracking from a widely bailed agreement between himself and former Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in July last year. That agreement stopped sbort of a much tougher decision to choose either the American XM-1 or the West German

AWACS. Equally effective over land or sea, in wartime an AWACS plane also could serve

as an airborne comand post. AWACS is an entirely Ame-rican system developed origi-nally for the North American continent. The version offered to NATO is tailored to European requirements and features 27 E-3As complete with ground maintenance up to 1985 when the last of the planes is scheduled for delivery.

NATO sources believe that Mr. Leber is unlikely to government's final goahead on AWACS until he gets satisfaction over the battle tank issue. President Carter, who prides himself on his cost-effective managerial skills, will have to persuade both allies and his own Congress and Pentagon if he is to revive standardisation and two-way weapons supply after the battering they have received from national rivalries and economic competition in a time of recession. The West Germans are indignant about a March 7 an-nouncement at the Aberdeen, Maryland, proving grounds that the Leopard II battle tank received negative ratings on 12 of 18 characteristics tested, while the XM-1, being developed by the Chrysler Corporation, received positive ratings oo 17 of 18 characteristics. In effect, the Germans say, the United States Army, which dislikes the idea of dependence on a German tank model, acted

Mr. Leber is understood to be taking up the argument of a German industrial consortium, DGA International, that the Leopard in fact proved superior to the American tank in acceleration, mobility, accu-racy of fire, reliability, ability "kill" an opposing tank, and cost.

The German industrial group, which rejects as unimportant the criticism that the Leopard is too beavy and too wide, argued in a letter to Defence Secretary Harold Brown Feb. 14 that Germany would not be able to afford contributing to help get America off then lange the airborne early warning hook. It is hoped that this is s system unless the United Stapattern that will be followed tes invested in Leopard II. elsewbere. It suggested that the U.S. buy 500 Leopards for the U.S. Nowhere in Africa is really worth a genuine superpower NATO contingent for about \$500 million, the amount Germconfrontation, and most of its quarrels, however important, any would have to invest in AWACS. are really local affairs. But there is a dynamic of escalation at work which could lead

up as patrons to states and guerrilla movements which want heavy weapons that the United States won't and the Chinese can't supply (one re. ason they may soon displac Chinese influence in Mozambi que), but that does not mean that they earn the undying al egiance of the recipients. African states, which all obsessively recall their recen experience of colonialism, dr not easily become Soviet satel lites. Even Angola, despite it urgent need for Russian arm and Cuban troops, tries being maintain its independence Elsewhere, Russia's closest tie are with a batch of highly un stable countries: Tottering and chaotic Ethiopia, dotty Libys?

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It all seems pretty grim, ar there is no doubt that it

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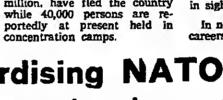
emergency military aid.

and murderously crazy Uganda Somalia seems to be slipping away, Algeria carefully keep-its distance, and the 'front line states' of southern Africa regard Russian intentions with IWAI

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PRESS COMMENTARY ARAB

Two Jordanian dailies commented in their Saturday editorials on Israeli Premier Rabln's resignation and the negative results political observers predict it may have on the current peace efforts. A third daily discussed the Israeli military intervention in south Lebanon.

AL DUSTOUR, wondered about the link swiftly established by foreign political observers and international press agencies, between Mr. Rabin's resignation and the peace efforts which are now underway. It seems that these circles want to deduce that the resignation will surely affect the peace process. It is the excuse which certain parties are inclined to use th absolve Israel of any blame in case It decides under the pretext of its unstable political situation, to call for a postponement of the peace efforts and the convening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference, the paper said.

The paper saw the scandal as a move designed to obstruct and freeze peace efforts for as long as possible. This manoeuvre is common to Israel, which does not hesitate to use every card up its sleeve to postpone or avoid peace.

The paper finally wondered whether the United States would continue with its peace efforts and whether the Arabs are convinced by now that too much optimism in these efforts is misplaced.

AL SHA'B, discussing the same subject said that observers see in Rabin's resignation, an impediment to the international peace efforts underway to achieve a Middle East peace settlement; Not because Rabin is a dove and would have helped peace efforts but because bis successor would use bis resignation as a pretext for fresb contacts with the U.S. and Israel's allies. By doing so, Israel would have once again practised its famous policy of manoeuvering and postponing. Israel would do so, the paper added, as the Israeli structure, origin-

ally built for war, cannot ac-

cept or face peace. The Israeli leadership does not possess the courage to face its people with a tune for which it has not accustomed or prepared them, the tune and language of peace. This is the observers' deduction.

However the paper's opinion is that the resignation is just a new piece of evidence substantiating the corruption which dominates the Israeli leader-ship. Such a leadership, the paper concluded, can only lead its people to military disaster.

AL RA'I, commenting oo the Israeli military intervention in south Lebanon, said that despite the many contradictory Israeli declarations on peace set-tlement, the manner in which it should be conducted and the lands it should include. Israeli leaders agree that such a peace settlement should be comprehensive. It should include the normalisation of relations in all fields between Israel and Arab

anti-communist resistance have countries. been trying to stir up public To demonstrate the possibiopinion and convince people lity of coexistence between the that the situation in Laos is two nations, Israel has allowed deteniorating. Thailand's Secre-Arabs under occupation in the West Bank and the Golan Heitary of State for the Interior Damrong Sunthonsarathoon ghts to keep their contacts wiwarned last night that any th fellow countrymen in the Laotian refugee engaging in Arab countries. By doing so Israel has hoped to prepare the political activities on Thai soil Arabs psychologically tn accept would be prosecuted. normal relations with it.

However, the paper added. ied in the attempted coup d' what it is trying to demonstra-te in south Lebanon is more etat in Bangkok on March 26 and still at large could be dangerous. It waots to show trying to cause divisions in its theory, built on religious government circles between and sectarian incompatibility, partisans and opponents of aid that the party with military suto anti-communist Laotian naperiority always gets the upper tionalists. hand.

Israel's plans in south Leba-non will be defeated not be cause the Arabs avoid military ly disapproved of the rumour campaign. confrontation with it. On the contrary, the paper concluded, "It is like raising the fire alarm it is the only practical means by which the Arabs can show when nothing is happening. When there is a real fire, nobody believes it any more and international public opinion the house burns down. The how Israel's expansionist polisituation in Laos is certainly cy constitutes a threat to world bad and it is quite sufficient peace.

ning, according to some esti-mates, as high as \$10 billion a of state Prince Souphanouvong, armed clash between Pathet-Lao soldiers backing year in the collective NATO the prince and others supportnation's budgets because of Ing Prime Minister Kaysone, an nonstandardised weapons. attack on the prime minister's house by nationalist comman-An immediate focus of attendos, the flight of Prime Minister Kaysone to Vietnam (his mother was Vietnamese), blo-

tion is the souring of relations between the United States and West Germany over the extent ody fighting io Vientiane where a number of districts had been to which the two countries' new main battle tanks, the XM-1 and the Leopard II, will set on fire, takeover by Fi-Minister Nouhak share components Phoumsavanh with the support

pean allies.

Another is the fate of AW-ACSs, the world's most sophisticated airborne warning and command system, which NATO ministers of defence have agreed in principle to purchase.

AWACS features the E-3A, a sleek Boeing 707-320 jet carrying a 30-foot mushroom-shaped antenna overhead and crammed with electronic gear. It can "see' far more than any ground-based radar, especially the low-

Leopard II as the single new main battle tank for both armies but did agree to share engines and guns. Without a reaffirmation of this agreement, West Germans and other European allies will

regard the much-heralded "twoway street" in arms procurement as so much hot air. European feelings are all the

stronger because, particularly in the aerospace field, transatlantic traffic has been almost entirely one-way.

Britain, for instance, has developed Nimrod, an airborne warning system excellent for maritime surveillance, weapons experts here say, but lacking the all-round versatility of as judge and jury.

Germany would be willing to buy the Leopards back when a new American-made tank became available, the industrial group says.

Basically the German argument is that standardisation has got to be a two-way street. In the 1950s and '60s, they say, the United States' NATO partners were willing to absorb millions of dollars worth of U.S. weapons -- the Hawk missile, the F-4 aircraft, tanks, the ammunition. But now, European industry is strong. To stay strong, it needs an even break in arming NATO, the Germans argue.

lamentable example of self-fulfilling prophecy, with each side concluding that if the other is willing to make such as large commitment, then the prize must be worth a very great deal. If Africa is not to relive the torment of South FU East Asia, where such outside perceptions dominated for fully two decades, then its best bope is to receive all outside

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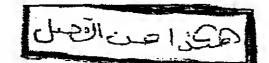
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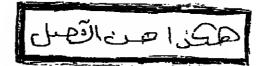
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At start of important seminar nce Hassan stresses role of housing in development

MMAN (JNA). - His Highess Crown Prince Hassan told 0 Arab delegations attending he Arab Housing Seminar here aturday that the Jordanian rivate sector had participated *i*th more than 40 per cent of as JD 200 million the country has able to raise in investm-ints during the past three ears

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Prince Hassan, who opeoed he Arab Housing Seminar be-ig beld at the Professional As-iciation Building, added that ordan's investment objectives t forth by its planners had een achieved. What interests us here in

urdan and in other Arab cou-ries witnessing the same de-slopment process is the link ween planning, organisation d coordination on the one and and between the various chnical meetings that are tang place to reach a unified paception of planning and im-ementation of development ojects," he explained.

The Crown Prince expressed s hope that a number of me-ings would be beld this year work out a clearer picture a housing, environment and rganisation, and to open the tor for Arab technicians to

Prince Hassan stated that the anning, organisation and codination sectors are the main-ay of development." We ach-ved much in the first sector." added, "after stability returnd to this country, and have w elaborated the objectives e want to attain. We nearly .cceeded in achieving. them, it the difficult political situa-. in in the region and the great allenge we face, which oblis us to double our efforts for ogress and positive work baheld us back."

He boped that the particip-its would be able to make vis to the Jordan Valley to ok over the Jordanian experient there and the methods opted to implement its pro-

"He finally reiterated Jordan's

Kuwaiti recruitment head here

MMAN (R). -- Col. Wajih Al. Idani, chief of recruitment in -> Kowaiti army, arrived here sthods of calling up men for mpulsory military service. He told newsmen that Kuiit will introduce compulsory rvice next January.

adherence to all resolutions the seminar adopts, which can create better conditions for the Arab natioo.

The Arab Housing Seminar is organised by the Arab En-gineers Union. Discussion will centre on housing in the Arab world and the formulatioo of scientific solutions to eliminate the bousing crisis by making low cost housing units available.

Prince Hassan was followed on the stand by the President of the Jordanian Engineers Association, Mr. Ibrahim Abu Ayash, who thanked the Crown Ayasa, who manser are crown Prince for sponsoring the Arab Engineers week being held in Jordan to discuss bousing problems.

Jordan has achieved much in the bousing field in its threeyear and present five-year de-velopment plans, he added. Ensuring suitable bousing units for people in the limited income bracket is vital and a cor-nerstone of stability, be concluded.

The president of the Arab Engineers Union emphasised the importance of housing as it is closely linked to living conditions.

The Arab countries are obliged to adopt a comprehensive housing policy to run parallel with economic and social deveopment, be said.

The opening session was at-tended by Court Minister Amer Khammash : Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zeid ; the ministers of interior, industry and commerce, transport and public works; the director of the Housing Corporation; the beads of Arab diplomatic missions in Jordan and a number of Jordanian engineers. Earlier, Prince Hassan met

with delegation beads and explained to them Jordan's expe-rience in the economic, and in particular the housing field. He also stressed the importance of activating Arab invest-ment funds and their profits to

finance a number of large Arab development projects, and the importance of the private sector in the development process. Heads of a number of Arab

delegations afterwards expressed their admiration of Jordan's achievements and said that Arab countries should follow Jordan's example in its support

of the engineering sector. During the afternoon session, the participants elected Mr. Abu Ayash as Chairman of the ar; President of the

Two committees were form ed to study 35 research papers presented by the various dele-gations. Eight were submitted by Jordan.

The first committee is beaded by Egypt's Mustafa Hifnawi with Kuwait's Walid Rimawdi as his deputy and Mohammad Saud Az'azi from South

Yemen as rapporteur. The second committee has Iraq's Mahmoud Hamandi as its President with Syria's Jihad Issa 25 bis deputy and Ziyad Al Mutasir from Libya as rapporteur.

Industrialists

to discuss social security Tuesday scheme

AMMAN (JNA). - A meeting will take place at Amman Chamber of Industry Tuesday to discuss the proposed social se-curity scheme. The meeting will be attended by a oumber of factory owners and business-

Mr. Ali Dajani, the director of the Chamber, said that he already asked industrialists to submit their recommendations and opinions on the subject before Thursday, when Mi-nister of Industry Issam Ajlouni will preside over a meeting to discuss the scheme.

Jordan, Syria plan single trade stand in Bulgaria

DAMASCUS, April 9 (JNA). -The Jordanian Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Syrian Ministry of Economy will set up a joint pavilion at Plovdiv Fair in Bulgaria starting Sept. 3. A 200-square-metre lot has been reserved at the fair for

that purpose. The special committee en-trusted to coordinate the participatioo of the two countries international fairs decided



attended by representatives of 10 countries, will look into ways of easing housing shortages that plague specific areas of the Arab World. (JNA photo).

Basma opens seminar for social workers

IRBID (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma opened a seminar for social workers at the Industrial Secondary School here Saturday. Princess Basma stressed the

importance of voluntary social work and the necessity of ba-cking it financially and techni-cally by providing social cen-tres with experienced staff that can change aims into realities. Her Highness called for more serious work in a field that serves important sectors of society. She pointed out that King Hussein's letter entrusting her with this sacred duty is proof enough of the noble nature of the task to which she will dedicate much of ber time. Minister of Labour Issam Aj-

louni thanked Princess Basma for sponsoring the seminar, in which 60 heads of social organisations in Irbid Governorate participated. He said its aim was to review social problems facing those in the field and to discuss both the drawbacks and achievements of the subject.

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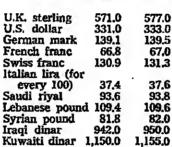
AMMAN (JNA). - The direc-tor general of the Jordan Electricity Authority received the ambassador to Jordan

Representatives of social work associations talked about AMMAN (JNA). been onnounced that the brithe importance of voluntary social work in developing the community and called for spedges over the River Jordon will be closed to traffic from cial curricula and training for Wednesday April 20 at noon until Fridoy April 22, when they will be open agoin from those working in nurseries.

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Engineers Union pushes institutes in Jerusale

AMMAN (JNA). -- The Higher Union concluded its meetings Saturday by passing a series of resolutions expressing solidarity with the Palestinian people, and in particular stressing the need to set up polytechnic and en-gineering institutes in Jerusa-

The Higher Council elected Ahmad Al Hakimi as President; Dr. Ahmad Al Aryan as Secretary General; and Hisham Al Sati and Mohammad Al Haj Omar as his deputies.

The Executive Committee was also elected. It includes Jordan's Ibrahim Abu Ayash as Vice President, Ali Ammourah as Treasurer and Afif Al Rawi as a member.

The Executive Committee approved a number of resolutions and recommendations

— to back Palestioian engineers and to name April 10 as a day of solidarity with the Palestinian engineer to be observed by all regional engineering organisations :

Council of the Arab Engineers

- to denounce the establi-shment of Israeli settlements in Arab occupied territories and to call upon Arab and ioterantional organisations to work to stop these Israeli activities and med at draining the land of Up original inhabitants ;

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- to support the Palestint

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- to object to Israeli mai-treatment of citizens in the or-

Liberation Organisation ;

- to adopt and back the es-tablishment of a polytechna institute and vocational train-ing centre in Jerusalem :

— to study the feasibility $\phi^{(i)}$ establishing a faculty of engineering in Jerusalem :

- to recommend to Arab acuntries that they should facili-tate the entry of students from the occupied territories inno colleges and universities.

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rian Engineers Association Hisham Al Sati as Vice Chair-man; and Housing Corporation head Hamdallah Nabulsi as rapporteur.

recently that Jordan and Syria will have a single pavilion at all Arab and international fairs in which the two countries decide to participate.

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"Star Trek" inspires a futuristic cult among viewers

Thousands of science fiction fans are holding conventions in U.S. cities to pay homage to "Star Trek" - the television space adventure series they have persistently kept alive. Though cancelled by a major T.V. network in 1969, the futuristic show is still telecast, through re-runs, on many American T.V. stations -and in 117 other countries, too.

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Trek' is just a part I played, and that's that."

inexplicable. The Star Trek crew won out against vicious-

ness, demagoguery and dest-nuctiveness. The show said that decency is ultimately worth-while. After assassinations,

15 years, it's easy to see why

As each "Star Trek" epi-

sode opens, an ominous voice intones: "Space, the final front-

ier. These are the voyages of

the starship Enterprise, her five-

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tends:

NEW YORK, (IPS) - A bizar-re air pervades Star Trek conventions. Science fiction addicts revel, as if participants in a futuristic and supernatural ritual, and the thin line between fantasy and reality often blurs. stand it," says William Shatner, the actor who commands the

For instance, communications antennas sprout from patiently coiffured hair of middle-aged women. Green-skin-ned slave girls undulate, their slim bodies luminous in circles of spotlight. Young men brandish phaser guns, the ultimate weapon of the Star Trek crew. Others, in gold jersey shirts and black bloused trousers, wiggle pointed ears.

Pointed, you say? It could well be the set for a new Stanley Kubrick space film. But these are not actors.

Watergate, the Vietnam war and all the horrors of the last They do have one thing in common, though: They all call themselves "Trekkies," all depeople can relate to that." voted fans of television's "Star Trek," a science fiction adventure series that refused to die on a musty shelf. At these socalled fantasy conventions, staged irregularly in U.S. ciyear mission to explore strange ties, they come to pay homage to the U.S.S. Enterprise apaceship and its crew, now soarboldly go where no man has ing regularly across millions

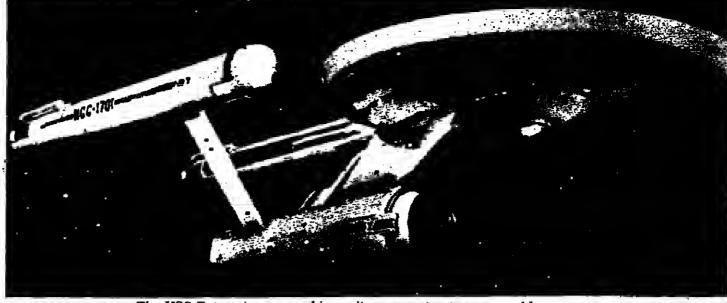
"Star Trek's" mission has been, however, something less than smooth. The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) first televised the series in 1966. By 1969 production costs had climbed; the show had less-than-impressive scored ratings. Rumors thet all wasn't well with starship Enterprise circulated.

Determined to hang on to their futuristic world, the of T.V. screens in America and show'a fervent fans swamped For in the past 10 years, NBC with more than a million since its premiere episode was letters -- pleading with the "Star Trek" has network to continue the T.V. grown into a cult phenomenon series. Yet NBC, unconvinced that the show had such multi-'T can't pretend to underplicity of loyal viewers, dropped the series anyway. Inde-pendent T.V. stations rescued the programme. They began showing "Star Trek" re-runs Enterprise on its voyages to in early night time slots, tap-On the other hand, Leonard Nimoy, who plays the pointy-eared second-in-command, conwere remarkable. More stations

picked up the re-runs. Today the re-runs -- all told, 79 episodes -- are syndicated by Paramount Pictures, Inc., to 160 U.S. T.V. stations.

In the early 1970s "Star Trek" fans in New York City vention ever to revolve around a single television show. About 50 Trekkies were expected. Three thousand showed up.

Manifestation of the cult was evident. More cities followed suit. In 1975 more than 15,000 Trekkies jammed Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel to glimpse the Enterprise's Captain Kirk (Shatner) and Mr. Spock (Nimoy)



The USS Enterprise space ship on its voyage to strange worlds.

Star Trek conventions now total about 10 a year, connecting the Trekkies and the obect of their fanaticism.

David Gerrold, who wrote "The World of Star Trek," the authoritative source for the T.V. series, believes the T.V. show is surviving because young eudiences are looking for a level of interaction and communication with their T.V. sets. 'The television set is one-way. It's from the T.V. to you. And young audiences are looking for a way to talk back, to get inside that television set. And the Star Trek phenomenon is e way to get into the Star Trek culture. The fans are coming to the conventions and talking back to the stars, the

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writers, to the various producdid you do this?' and 'How about this?' " Part of the show's appeal

may be its narrative simplicity: The good guys-versus-bad guys perception of the universe. In each episode the Enterprise crew -- an amalgam of races and nationalities -- encounters strange beings from strange worlds, such as the Klingons, diabolical warriors from another galaxy. The crew are all earthlings, excepting Mr. Spock, from the planet Vulcan. Though "Star Trek" surfeits high adventure and futuristic gadgetry, it is basically a show of personalities Contain Victor of personalities. Captain Kirk combines courage and com-

passion. Mr. Spock, the sys-tem's right-hand man, tackles problems only with logic; he is emotionless. Their mission directive is nonaggressive; they make no judgments about new worlds they visit in their intergalactic journeys. At Star Trek conventions

the Trekkies' ultimate joy is to see -- in person -- their fictional heroes. They watch reverently as Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock "materialise." They ask questions, they give their heroes gifts, they applaud. Be-sides the stars of "Star Trek." some Trekkies have talked with other crew members of the spaceship Enterprise; with Gene Roddenberry, the show's creator-producer, and with Isaac

Asimov, educator and estimable science fiction writer. They watch "Star Trek" episodes; they whiri at masquerade balls; they compete in trivia contests. It's an emotional reunion -with characters from the fu-ture. Yet most Trekkies regard the fantastical boopla as harmless.

'They've accepted it and ta-ken it into their hearts so mnch," says Mr. Gerrold, "that 'star Trek' is more real to most of these kids than a lot of anything else they see on T.V., including the six o'clock news.

Moreover, there is further evidence of "Star Trek's" un-. daunted cult. Commercial daunted cult. Commercial memorabilia abounds. There

are Star Trek uniforms, my dels, dolls and books, inclu-ing blueprints of the spac-ship Enterprise and a regul tions manual: Paramount Pi tures has scheduled a "St Trek" movie with the origin cast "Fanzines" -- magazin published by Trekkies -- H fan club addresses, Star Tri information, and inside goas At Washington, D.C., the or ginal studio model of the U.S.S. Enterprise is exhibiti in the Smithsonia Institution new Air and Space Museum

Why all the devotion? "St Trek" is well written; it h commendable production ues. Yet so have other tel vision shows. Perhaps, then, is "Star Trek's" fundamen theme that conjures its on persistent magic. War is wronit says, and violence shou be a last resort. Moreover, ti show exudes a comm brotherhood -- a black cor. munication officer, an orient and a Russian navigator, Scottish engineer -- all word ing towards one end.

Perhaps the show happene at the right time, a time (Vietnam war, of civil right protests, of assassinations of television -- a troubled tim when T.V. viewers wanted m assurance of a future world.

Perhaps Mr. Gerrold sum it best: "'Star Trek' is a sho that says: Look, there will h a future. It'll be a pretty goo future. We're still going t, have problems. The huma race has always had problem and we will learn to solve therby dealing with them rationa.

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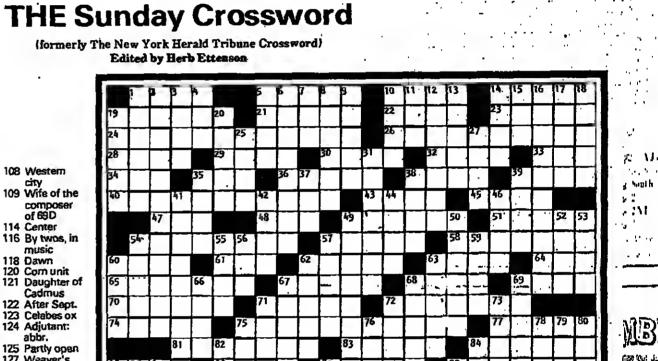
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The "Star Trek" crew : Captain Kirk, Major Nelson and Mr. Spock.

New York City squeezes through latest debt by means of federal loans

NEW YORK, N.Y. (CSM). -New York, which barely squeezed through its latest financial crisis, has been promised fede-ral loans by the Carter administration over the next five to six years to help keep the city's bills paid.

The federal help will take the form of "seasonal" or shortterm loans, says New York Mayor Abraham D. Beame.

It was an 11th-hour, shortterm federal loan to New York of \$225 million that enabled the city to meet its latest deadline (March 11) on repaying debts.

In an interview Mayor Beame said the federal help would eliminate the need for investment in city securities by financial institutions outside New York's five boroughs.

'We already have under study options for financial assistance (for New York) if It is needed after June, 1978," says U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal. However, he said, any assistance for New York would require "that



the city's budget be cootinu-ously in balance," and the city must make permanent fiscal reforms.

Mr. Beame explained that the city's plan to pay off \$983 mil-lion in short-term debts, as hammered out March 9 and 10, hinged on two key proposals -- and if these were successful the "other things will fall into place."

The two proposals, he said, are: (1) sale of city housing project mortgages ("I think they can achieve \$410 million") and (2) swap of long-term Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) bonds for shorterterm city securities which is expected to extend city loans of about \$250 to \$300 million.

By law, Mayor Beame must submit a balanced fiscal 1978 budget to the city council by April 15. Mr. Beame said that it "would be appropriate to get balancing the budget behind me" before announcing his decision on a bld for reelectlon Mayor Beame thinks "crime"

NYC Mayor Abraham Beame

is the single biggest problem facing New York. But he said he would put the need for new jobs near to crime in order of importance. "Unemployment and crime work together," he said, adding that "we have to find new ways of keeping our kids occupied."

Almost echoing recent state-ments by Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton, the prominent black politician who announced his candidacy for mayor Jan. 26, Mr. Beame said city law-enforcement officials "must take tougher actions with respect to juvenile crime. Our courts have become a revolving door."

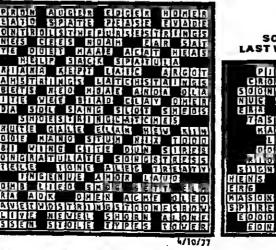
Mr. Suttoo says Mayor Beame has failed to provide the necessary leadership to deal with the city's mushrooming crime problem.

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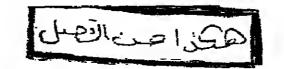
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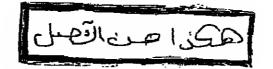


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JORDAN TIMES, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1977

BRIDGE GOREN

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tennous club stopper is sheer folly. From the auction, partner

quite possibly is 6-1 in spades and diamonds. Therefore, we suggest a preference to three

spades-your most likely game is in that suit unless partner re-

Q.5-As South, vulnerable

A.-One no trump. Yes, we realize that you have 19 points,

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Q.6-East-West vulnerable,

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What action do you take?

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IY CHABLES H. GOBEN AND OMAR SHARIF - 1977 by Chicago Tribum

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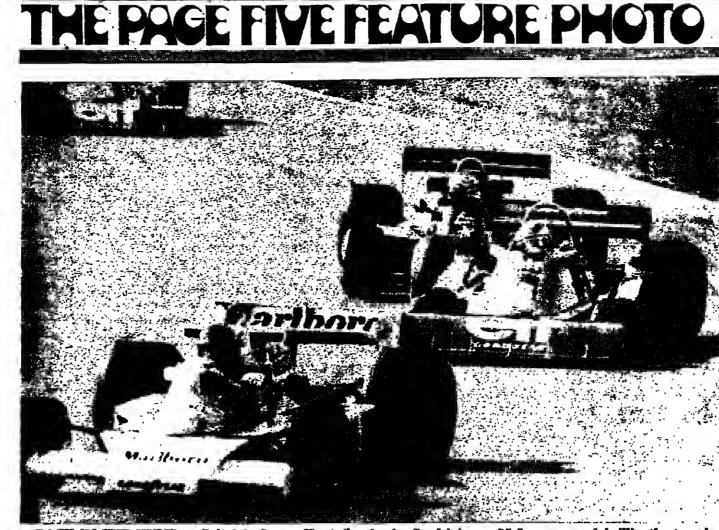
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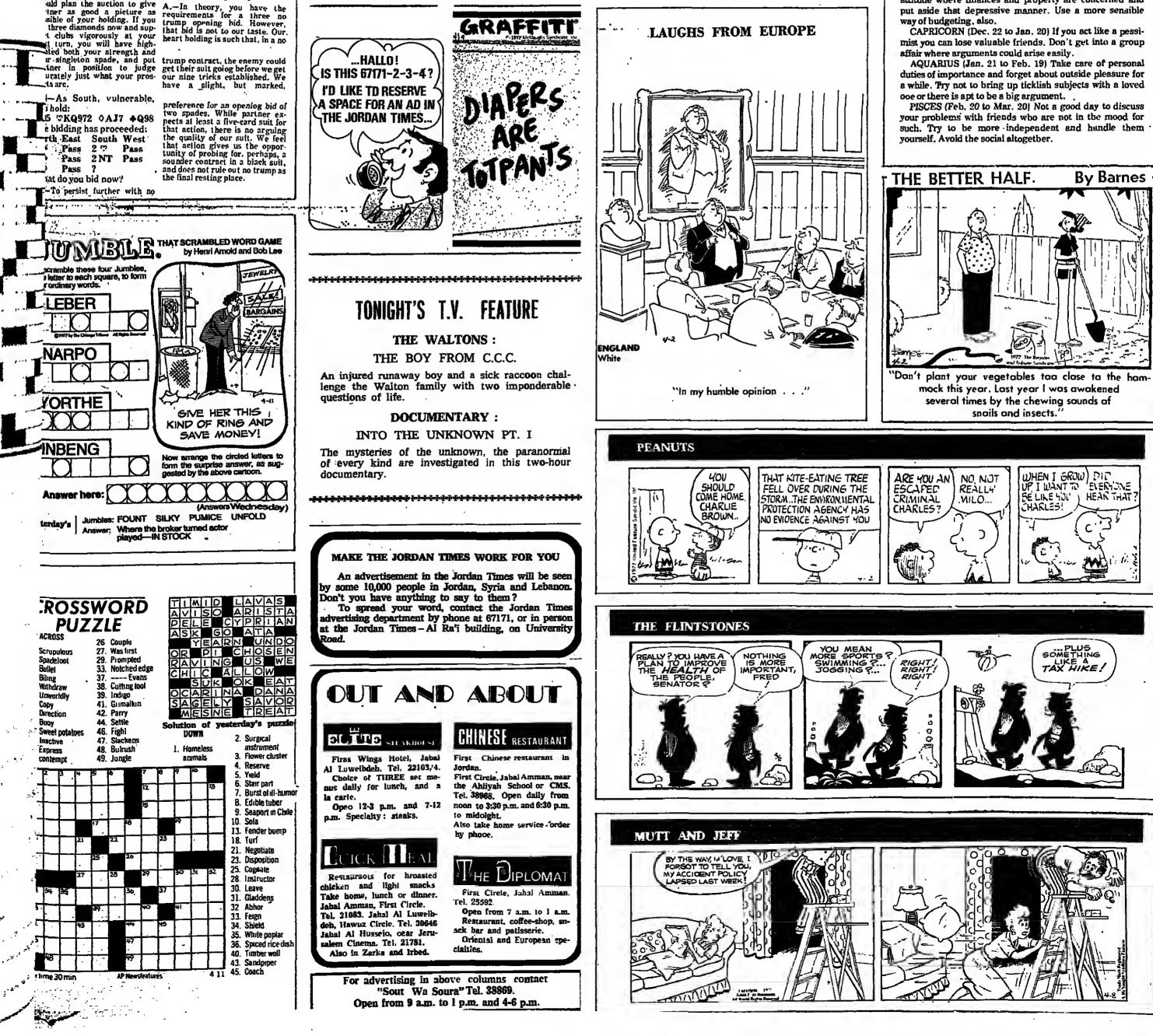
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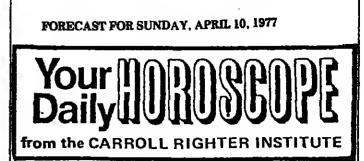
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BACK IN THE HUNT -- Britain's James Hunt (in the lead), driving a McLaren, raced brilliantly to win the Canadian Grand Prix at Mosport Park, Toronto. He gained nine vital points in the world driving championships. Hunt's success reduced the 17 point lead, held by the reigning champion Niki Lauda, to eight points with only the events in Japan and the United States remaining in the competition for the world title. Hunt averaged 116 miles-per-hour (186km/h) in the 80 lap, 196 mile (315 km) race over the difficult and bumpy Mosport circuit. Behind the leader are Patrick Depailler (France), who finished second and Mario Andretti (USA) who took third place.





GENERAL TENDENCIES: A time when it will be quite difficult to apply the Goldeo Rule even though most everyone is apt to be in a quarrelsome mood. So put a monitor on your thoughts and refrain from untoward words or actions.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Handle confidential matters wisely and stay out of the limelight. Wait until a better time for getting into activities that will require your using more streogth.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get affairs at home in better working order. Not a good day for making new friends who could prove troublesome later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your hunches are not reliable at this time so use only your best judgment. Use tact with mate or you could have a severance of valuable connection

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure you hold up your part of any agreements you have made with others or you could regret it later. Avoid one who opposes you or you could get into trouble right now. Be clever.

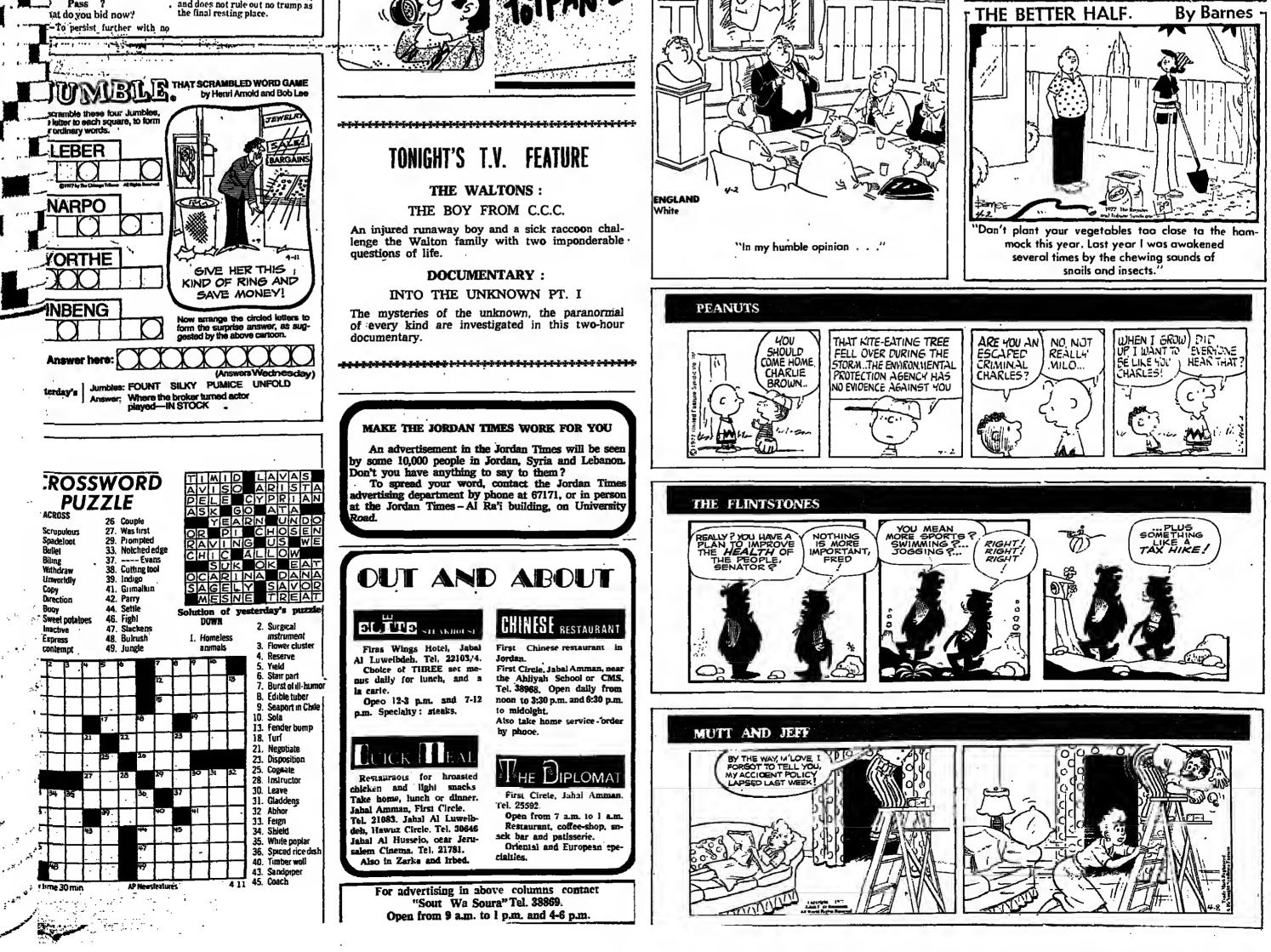
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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have to use much tact at home so that you do not disturb the harmony there and keep on an even keel. Smile more and try to please others,

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good time to go out to places where you can enjoy philosophical studies that will elevate your consciousness, make life richer. Use tact in dealing with others later in the day. Be bappy, serene,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Use a more positive attitude where finances and property are concerned and



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Addressing non-aligned bureau PLO urges action on U.N. resolutions

NEW DELHI, April 9 (R). -Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, bead of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), today called on non-aligned and Third World countries to find a way of implementing United Nations resolutions on the Palestinian question.

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Mr. Kaddoumi was speaking at the plenary session of the 25-member non-aligned coordinating bureau here today. The plenary adjourned for the weekend after a brief morning session today. Two committees continued work on a communique to be put before Monday's session.

Mr. Kaddoumi saio thet while the Palestinian people would continue their struggle to secure a home for themselves in Palestine and for the right to determine their own destiny without outside interference, the international community should help them achieve their aspirations.

The non-aligned movement alone could contribute to the ushering in nf a peaceful and safe world, he said. But peace and security would never be

achieved if the colonial racist forces continued to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

Jamaican Foreign Minister P.J. Patterson called for a constant critical review and improvement of the functioning of the non-aligned movement. "If we are constantly and

grossly maligned by our detractors, it is because they recognise thet our movement has never been stronger," he said. "We must always appreci-

ate, however, that the further growth nf the nnn-aligned movement, and indeed its very survival, depends on its ability to adjust to the changing cur-rents of international relations and also on its effectiveness in fulfilling the aspirations of its membership," he added. Mr. Patterson said declara-

tions of political positions and statements about economic conperation were not enough. Hand in hand with this, it was necessary in create "the appropriate continuing machinery which will assist the bureau in ensuring that nur positinn, schemes and proposals are put into effect."

U.K. football roundup lpswich, Liverpool run home together

LONDON, April 9, (R). - Ips-wich and Liverpool kept going stride for stride at the top of the English football league first division today as each scored their 20th win of the season.

A 24th minute goal by Trevor Whymark earned Ipswich a 1-0 victory at Norwich and kept them in first place on goal difference with 47 points from 35 games. Liverpool, also on 47 points but with a game in hand, beat Manchester City 2-1 at home to stay firmly in the running for a unique treble of the league title, the English F.A. Cup and the European Cup.

Their successes today meant Ipswich and Liverpool opened a three-point gap on their pursuers. Manchester City are th-ird with 44 points followed by Newcastle on 43 and Manchester United, who moved up into fifth place on 40 points with a 3-0 win over Stoke City.

Newcastle squandered a fine opportunity to join Manchester

City on 44 points, as they dropped a point to Leicester City in a goalless draw. Newcastle looked a class above Leicester for most of the match and en-joyed considerable territorial advantage but were unable to convert any of the numerous scoring opportunities that ca-me their way.

At the lower end of the first division, Bristol City stayed in bottom place as they went down 3-0 at Birmingham, but relegation-threatened West Ham had an encouraging 1-1 draw at Coventry. Bryan 'pop' Robson scored West Ham's equaliser late in the game.

Another London club, Tottenham Hotspur, eased their releg-ation worries with a 3-0 win over Queen's Park Rangers. Chelsea recovered well from their 3-1 defeat at Fulham yesterday, beating Luton 2-0 to return to the top of the second division ahead of Wolverhampton, who were held 2-2 at

Leftists try to break "security belt" along Lebanese borders with Israel IBL AS-SAQI, Lebanon, April 9 (R). — "Missed again," the Palestinian commander re-Palestinian commandos and a few correspondents bounced along the rutted track to Ibl marked coolly, seconds after a As-Saqi, mortar shells from rightist positions landed incbeavy-calibre shell slammed intn the house next to his comreasingly closer. mand post. Part of the road from Ibl As-The deafening blast was fol-lowed by the tinkle of a cas-

ly by a visitor to the area, in eastern China. (AP wirephoto).

cade of glass from a window blown out by the force of the explosion.

Ibl As-Saqi is a leftist-Palestinian stronghold in southern Lebanon near the stategic town of Khyam, stormed by the Palestinians and their leftist allies Thursday as part of an offensive aimed at driving Israeli-backed rightists from positions near the Israeli bor-

Before it was taken at dawn Thursday, Khyam was a strategic point in a triangle of rightist strongholds formed by the town itself and nearby Marjayoun and Qlei'a. They are still in rightist hands.

Only a three-hour drive from Beirut with Its bustling boutiques and cafes, the area bere ls a different world where the civil war - - ended elsewhere in the country last November -- is gaining in intensity.

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Saqi to Khyam is in plain view of Marjayoun and even battle-hardened Abu lyad of the Palestinian Fateb guerrilla or-ganisation admitted to feeling uneasy as the jeep ground on. "This is rather dangerous. One feels like the target in a sbooting gallery," be said. One sbell crashed next to civilians. the track less than 40 metres behind the jeep, sending up a plume of white smoke from

CHINESE PRISONERS -- An armed guard (centre) stands behind bound prisoners in

a truck in Wuhan, China while the prisoners are on public display. Placards with the

prisoners'a name and crimes are suspended in front of them. Picture was taken recent-

the lusb green spring grass. In Ibl As-Saqi, 155-mm sbel-is said to bave been fired from Israel had torn gaping holes into the road.

The boom of incoming artillery from rightist positions in Marlayoun and Israeli batteries near the border town of Metulla underlined that

peace is not just around the corner in southern Lebanon. Oo the main road of Khyam, a house set ablaze by a 120-mm mortar shell filled the air with acrid smoke. "The shelling is aimed at keeping us inside," Abu Iyad said. "Perhaps they are afraid we will attack them."

tons and more is expected this

year to meet some 30 per cent

of Hong Kong's oil require-

Resources" is currently deve-

loping multi-million-dollar oil

storage depots here. From oil to water is a big

jump, but water too is being piped to Hong Kong from

period of October 1976 to September 1977 is to be inc-reased to 24,000 million gal-

The big rise in China's chief

exports to Hong Kong in the past four years is shown by the following 1973 and 1976

values in terms of U.S. dol-

lars. The 1976 value is in pa-

\$480 million (\$680 million).

Staple and non-staple food,

Clothing and other consu-mer foods, \$300 million (\$360

Industrial raw materials, \$320 million (\$440 million). Machine equipment, \$20 mil-

Fuel oil products, \$2 million

semi-official Chinese

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There were no apparent pre cuts in strategic nuclear wea-pons put to him by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. parations for an imminent attack on Marjayoun. However, the commander in charge of the force which took Khyam said commandos had received orders to break the "security

rightists along the border. Fighters here said that about 5,000 civilians -- roughly twothirds of the original population -- were still in Khyam. But correspondents saw no more than about two dozen

According to the comman-dos, most of the civilians were huddling inside their houses as shells continued to crash into the area.

Israel has consistently claimed that its artillery has fired across the border only in re-taliation to attacks from Lebanoo,

But correspondents today could clearly bear the sounds of Israeli batteries firing intermittently although there was DO fire from leftwing Palestinlan positions here.

Soviets plan to help Cuba build atomic power station

MOSCOW, April 9 (R). — The Soviet Union plans to belp build an atomic power station in Cuba, according to an official Soviet report last night issued after a visit by Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Tass news agency said Soviet engineers would help build and install the power station's first section, with a ca-

WASHINGTON, April 9 (R). -

The White House today voiced

reaching a new agreement on

optimism over prospects for

strategic arms curbs with the

Soviet Union despite the break-down of talks in Moscow last

Press Secretary Jody Powell said President Carter had ne-ver associated himself with

predictions of chaos in Soviet-American relations following

the breakdown of talks.

week.

U.S. optimistic

over SALT talks

pacity of 400 megawatis, later this year.

When complete, the station would have a capacity of 1,700 megawatts. Tass said Soviet and Cuban geologists had already surveyed the site of the project, part of a joint nuclear cooperation programme by the nine-member communist trading bloc. Comecon.

fore the secretary of state and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko hold planned talks

in Geneva next month.

Carter's expectations.

President Castro and Sov Communist Party chief Leor-Brezhnev pledged in a com/ unique "to do everything ti, , if can for strengthening the un of the international commun socialist countries, for prom ing the interaction of the int national communist and nate nal liberation movements," T

said. "The sides pledged their so port for the peoples of A Africa and Latin America, ti are struggling against imperial lism, for the right to determ their fate by themselves." The Kremlin loadert

Dr. Castro will probably he wanted to compare notes a discuss how exactly the pi ges of support could be 1 into practice. In a thinky-veiled reference

tonight's communique to United States, both sides Mr. Powell said the continusolutely condemned attem, ing contacts between the Soviet by some quarters in capita Union and the United States countries to complicate the were in keeping with President lutions of the tasks of stre. thening peace and curbing arms race by offering artific

"We remain hopeful that we demands." can proceed with discussions and arrive at an agreement which will limit the arms race. Quakes kill

Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev last week if the United States would morejected proposals for sharp dify the proposals rejected by the Russians last week or expected the Soviet Union to make a counter-proposal.

> But he observed that "the world is looking to both governments to negotiate in good faith."

The Greek Cypriot side tabled a map at the last Vienna

talks giving up to 20 per cent of the land to the Turkish Cyp-

riots -- about half what they

bold now -- but this was re-

Territorial issue is key to Cyprus settlement

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iected.

NICOSIA, April 9 (R). — The territorial issue is the key to a settlement of the Cyprus problem, according to Greek Cypriot negotiator Mr. Tassos A report in the Greek Cyp-riot daily Simerini today quot-ed an unnamed Western diplomatic source as saying the Turkish Cypriot side planned to present a map laying out its

Papadopoulos. Arriving bere last night from inter-communal talks in Vienna, Mr. Papadopoulos said he boped there would be a radi-cal change in the Turkish Cypriot attitude and a desire to indicate the community's aims and intentions on the territorial issue.

be said. Mr. Powell refused to say

TEHRAN, April 9 (R). _____ least 352 people have by killed in earth tremors in c tral and southwest Iran, government-owned Pars neagency said tonight.

Fresh tremors rocked the gion again yesterday and Gulf port of Bandar Abbas, (set 1.1

352 in Irar

The first tremor, which gistered 6.5 on the open-en Richter scale, shook the c tral and southwest areas y terday and the night before **HUS**

Army helicopters and tre port planes have flown med unt teams, food, tents, blank and clothing to people m homeless.

Southern Iran was hit by 1 earthquakes six days ago # no casualties were reported TOU

At least 167 people died 'huge quake in the area' month. 100

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Yesterday, however, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin called on Mr. Vance in an efbelt" formed by Israeli-backed fort to resume a dialogue be-

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS N E W S

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U.K. ATTACKS CARTER'S NUCLEAR INITIATIVE

Cardiff.

LONDON, April 9 (R), ----Britain's atomic energy chief, Sir John Hill, today attacked U.S. President Carter's nuclear initiative ns likely to affect energy costs without halting the spread of atomic weapons.

"I believe President Carter is going about it the wrong way," said Sir John, whose atomic energy nuthority is heavily involved in major British plans to develop its peaceful nuclear capacity.

Britons were today still absorbing the U.S. president's moves to balt the American production on a commercial scale of plutonium. the raw ingredient of atomic bombs. Environmentalists boped that

this would put heavy pressure on the British government to

Turkey, Libya expand economic cooperation

to expand economic cooperation under a protocol signed

The agreement followed three days of talks between Libyan Housing Minister Mu-hammad Khmed Al Mankousb and Turkish Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil.

During the talks, which ended yesterday, the two sides sought ways of boosting and balancing their bilateral trade and discussed the possibilities of establishing a joint sblpyard in Libya, Turkish officials reported.

Also discussed were ways of improving cooperation in construction work sea and air transport, tourism and telecomunications.

Turkey imports three million tonnes of crude oil yearly from Líbva.

Possible increased Libyan oil exports to Turkey was also dis-cussed, the officials said.

think again about two major controversial projects which have already met opposition.

Most politicians, including Prime Minister James Callag-han, welcomed the announcement but Mr. John McLachan, of the trade union movement's fuel and power industries com-mittee called it "a business stratagem designed to slow dnwn the development of European reactors."

The Times newspaper said the development of atomic energy throughout West Europe, Japan and the developing couotries has been thrown into confusion

Commercial plutonium deve-lopment is a vital issue for Britain, which plans to become a world leader in reprocessing spent nuclear fuel to extract plutonium.

Plans to develop a £600 mil-lion reprocessing plant at wind-scale in the northwest are he-ing fnught by environmentalists. Sir John Hill's authority also plans a £1,500 million fast bre-

eder reactor to exploit the highly efficient plutonium fuel. In Paris, well informed sour-

ces said today that France will go ahead with its advanced nuclear technology policy des-pite President Carter's decision to postpone U.S. plutonium industry developments.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman said that President Carter's action would be studied clearly in Paris. But be noted that Mr. Carter specified his decisions applied only to the U.S. and were not intended to influence other countries. The sources said this reaction was a clear indication that France intends to press ahead with its fast breeder reactor

and nuclear fuel reprocessing programmes. Yesterday President Carter announced that he was alowing the development of U.S. fast breeder reactors and halting the reprocessing of spent nuc-lear fuels, both of which produce plutonlum.

Mr. Carter said he hoped that Britain, France, West Germany and other countries capable of producing plutonium would join bim in international efforts to avoid the danger of nuclear weapons proliferation.

in Chinese foreign trade HONG KONG, April 9 (AFP). - Hong Kong's important role expansion of oil storage and distribution systems and sup-China's foreign trade emerport for other major industrial ges from an analysis of the ventures.

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Hong Kong plays big role

latest statistics. In spite of her own needs It can also be seen from these figures that Hong Kong's economy benefits considerably China is selling a growing vol-ume of oil products to Hong Kong. by virtue of the type of Chinese In 1975 and last year this volume was around 600,000

goods bought. These products, in order of importance, are staple and nonstaple food, clothing and other consumer goods, industrial raw materials, machine equipment and fuel oil products. Cheaper than Western im-

ports all these things help keep the cost of living down for a population of over four million Chinese and contribute to in-dustrial production, the mainstay of Hong kong's exportoriented economy.

neighbouring Kwangtung pro-vince at the British govern-ment's request to meet popu-These key imports have bur-geoned in the past four years, rising from a total value of lation and industrial needs. In the past couple of years In the past couple of years Hong Kong has been getting regularly 18,500 million gallons of drinking water from China. The total from the contract HK dollars 5,610 million (\$1,122 million) in 1973 to HK dollars 7,900 million (\$1,580 million)

last year. On the one hand valuable exchange earnings for China. On the nther, imports valuable to Hong Kong's wherewithal.

This benefit is freely acknowledged by government and economic experts as illustrated last month's annual report the British-managed General Chamber of Commerce.

In this, chamber Leslie Gordon said: "I feel 1 must again pay tribute to the trade policies of the People's Republic of China.

These have materially assisted Hong Kong to maintain a low inflation rate and stability in food supply.

"There is also a welcome continuation of China's interest in participating directly in our development with the

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

DONN, April 9 (R). — The West German government has autho-rised the delivery of plans for a nuclear fuel reprocessing

plant to Brazil under the terms of their atomic power agree-ment, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today. NEW DELHI, April 9 (AFP). — India and Italy have agreed to cooperate mutually in the peaceful uses of atomic energy bet-ween the Atomic Energy Commission of India and the National Committee for Nuclear Energy of Italy, it was officially disclosed here today.



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